

Title: The Ins and Outs of Functions**Brief Overview:**

In these lessons, students will explore what a function is, how to determine if a relation is a function and different ways a function can be represented. Prior knowledge should include patterns, sequences and relations.

NCTM Content Standard/National Science Education Standard:

Algebra -- understand patterns, relationships, and functions

Grade/Level:

Grade 7/ 8; All learning levels

Duration/Length:

Three 50-minute periods

Student Outcomes:

Students will:

- Identify the rule for a function
- Define functions
- Calculate a value for a designated function

Materials and Resources:

- Student resource pages 1-9 (SR)
- Teacher resource pages 1-11 (TR)
- Internet (optional)

Development/Procedures:

Lesson 1 – Patterns and Rules

Pre-assessment – Have the students independently complete *What's Missing?* (SR1). This activity will activate their prior knowledge of sequences and finding the next term in a pattern. Discuss with the students how they came up with the next term in each sequence. Also use the word “series” to describe each problem. Note that some students may come up with different patterns. Take the opportunity to discuss how each pattern may have more than one outcome.

Launch – Using the pre-assessment *What's Missing?* (SR1), discuss how each student came up with his or her *rule* for each sequence. Emphasize that each situation has a rule.

Teacher Facilitation – Give students two other examples of a sequence, and have them develop a rule for each situation. Present *Snack Time* (TR2) on overhead transparency and discuss what needs to go into the vending machine (coins only), what the “rule” is (the vending machine), and then what comes out (their snack). Make mention of the question, “*Is this a function?*” Do not answer the question until Lesson 2. Ask students what would come out for different coin amounts. Make connection that the vending machine is the function.

Student Application – Have the students complete *Machines at Work* (SR2). Students should begin to feel confident about identifying rules and finding the input and output for each function

Embedded Assessment – Have each student create his or her own machine. Instruct the students to model their machines after the completed *Machines at Work* (SR2) worksheet. When they have completed their machines, instruct the students to have a neighbor find the output or input using their machine. Circle around the classroom to make sure the students are not only creating their machines correctly, i.e. functions that have an individual output for each input, but are also finding the correct results for their neighbor’s machine.

Re-teaching/Extension – Ask the students who understand the material to pair up with students who are still uncertain about the machines. Have the students who understand the material explain it to those who do not.

Lesson 2 – Function Definitions

Pre-assessment – Have the students complete *What's the Rule?* (SR3). This activity will review and assess the information they learned in Lesson 1.

Launch – Discuss *What's the Rule?* (SR3) with the students. Have several students state the rule they chose for each table and compare it with the rules other students found. Then, discuss possibilities for future terms such as the 20th, 50th or 99th term.

Teacher Facilitation - Develop definitions for function, domain, range, input, output, and ordered pair from *Snack Time* (TR2) in lesson 1. Discuss input (domain) as the items going into the function and output (range) as the items coming out of the function. Discuss how a function may only have one output for each unique input. Further discuss the definitions using *Snack Time* (TR3) noting that this machine does not represent a function because if you put \$0.75 into the machine, you could get two different items back.

Go back to *Machines at Work* (SR 2) from lesson 1 and discuss student examples. Have students identify and explain which student produced examples represent functions (#7). Discuss the properties that prohibit a machine from being a function.

Student Application – Have the students complete *Function Criss-Cross* (SR4). This will help students learn the definitions for the various terms. Math glossaries may be used at teachers' discretion.

Embedded Assessment – Ask students to complete *Ins and Outs of Functions* (SR5). This will help them to start seeing functions in a table format for Lesson 3.

Re-teaching/Extension – Ask students to complete a journal prompt, *The most important Thing about Functions* (SR6). Encourage students to list as many things that they can remember from the prior two lessons as possible. This prompt will help students sort what they know and don't know about functions from the lessons. Allow appropriate time to complete prompt. After the prompt has been completed, randomly have student share things they know by reading one important thing from their list. After the majority of ideas have been shared, have students volunteer to share their prompt with the class. This allows students to hear important ideas that were discussed that they may have missed.

Lesson 3 – Calculations with Functions

Pre-assessment – Have students complete *Number Detective* (SR7). This will allow a review and assessment of Lesson 2. Emphasize that the top row represents the entry number for each term in the bottom row. Also, the N value is the generalized function for the pattern in the bottom row.

Launch – Discuss *Number Detective* (SR7) with the students and introduce the algebraic form $f(x)$ to represent the rule for each table using the N input value.

Teacher Facilitation – Have students take notes on their own notebook paper by going over multiple examples of completing $f(x)$ tables, identifying range [$f(x)$ or (y)] and domain (x). Be sure to include how to take a y value and find the x value. Also, show them that they can pick their own “convenient” values (-1,0,1,2 . . .) for x to complete a function table.

Student Application – The students will complete *Function Tables* (SR8). As an optional activity, students can explore on-line with “The Function Machine.” (<http://score.kings.k12.ca.us/lessons/functions/machine.html>)

Embedded Assessment – *Function Tables* (SR8) (same as above). This will help them practice function tables on their own. Students may complete entire worksheet or #1-5, then have #6-10 as optional challenge problems.

Re-teaching/Extension – To extend and re-teach this lesson, graph the ordered pairs from the lesson using the input as the x -value and the output as the y -value on overhead of graph paper (TR10). Seeing the relationship visually on a graph will help those students who are still uncertain about calculations with functions. Graphing the ordered pairs is also a great extension for those students who understand the material and are ready to proceed to the next level with functions.

Summative Assessment:

The students will complete *Functions Quiz* (SR9). They will apply their knowledge of sequences, patterns and functions by finding the missing elements in tables, identifying definitions and calculating algebraic functions.

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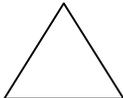
Key What's Missing?

Find the missing entry for each example.

1) 2 4 6 8 10 12 14

2) Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas

3) S M T W T F

4)    

5) 1 4 9 16 25 36 49

6) a b c d e f g h i

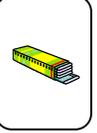
7) $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{16}$ $\frac{1}{32}$

8) Mercury Venus Earth Mars Jupiter

9) 1 5 1 5 1 5 1

10) 1 8 27 64 125

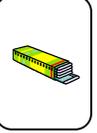
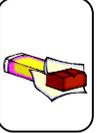
Snack Time

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\$0.55	\$0.75	\$0.45	
			
\$0.30	\$0.25	\$0.90	
			
\$0.70	\$0.50	\$0.85	

Get Your Snack OUT!

Is this a Function??

Snack Time

			<p>0 2 5 10 15 20 25 30</p> <p>Money IN!!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change Only</p>
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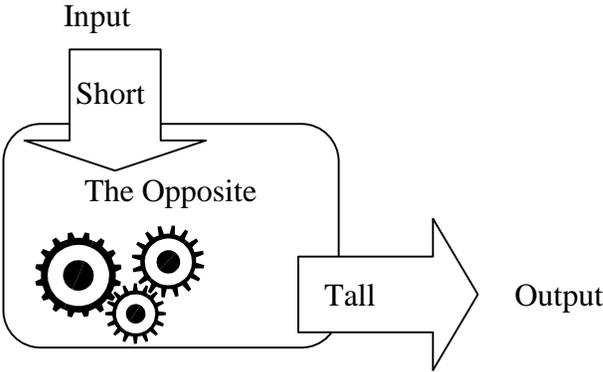
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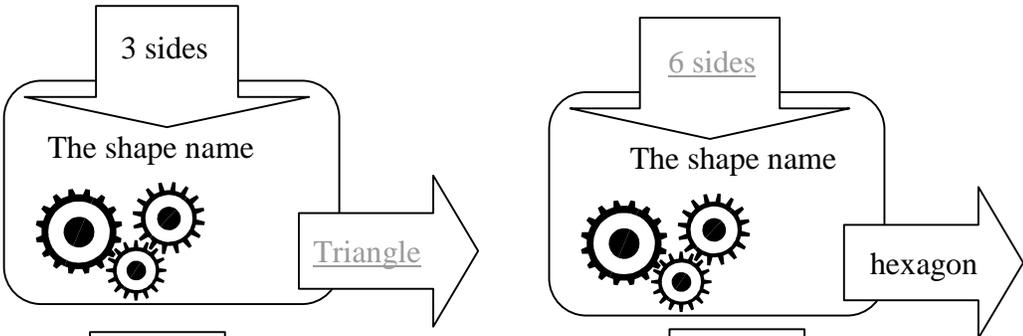
Machines at Work

Use the example below to complete the following machines.

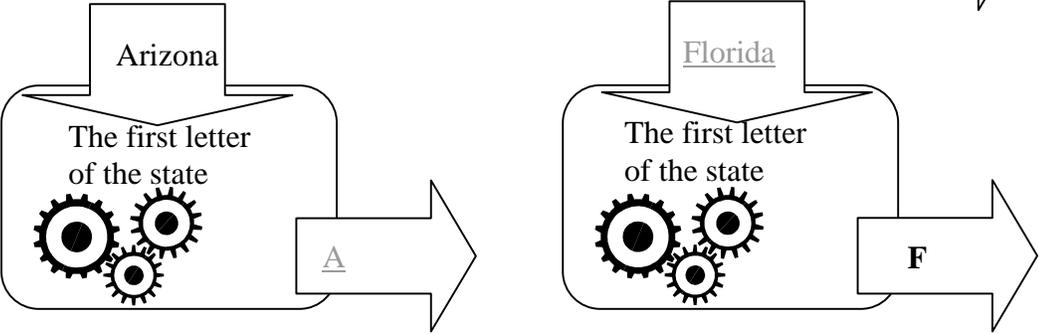
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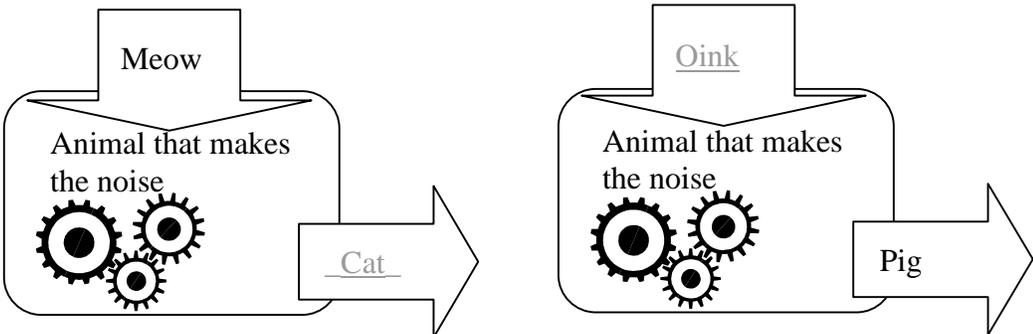
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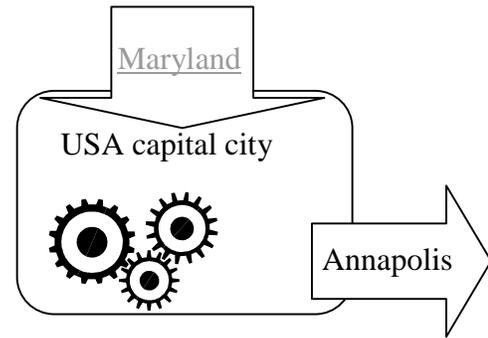
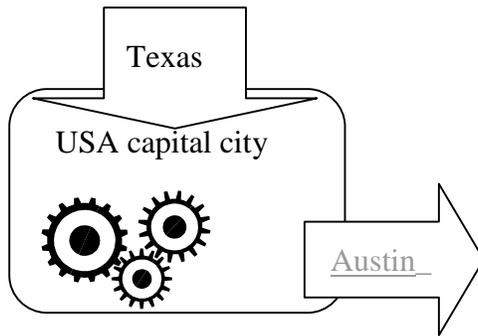
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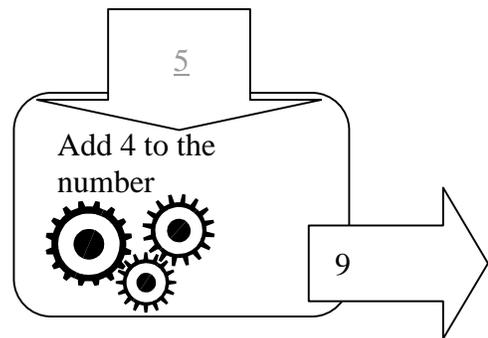
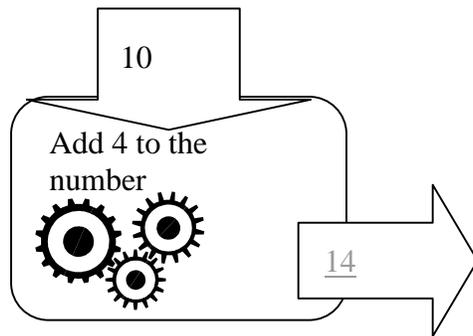
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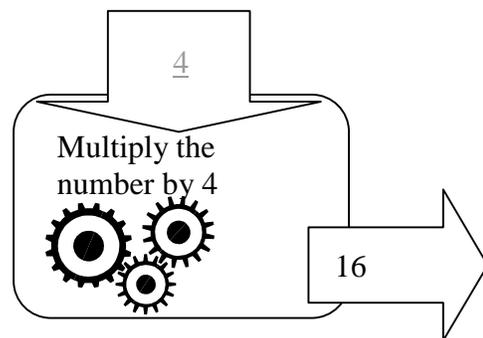
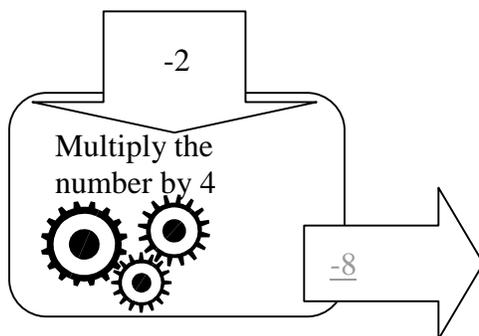
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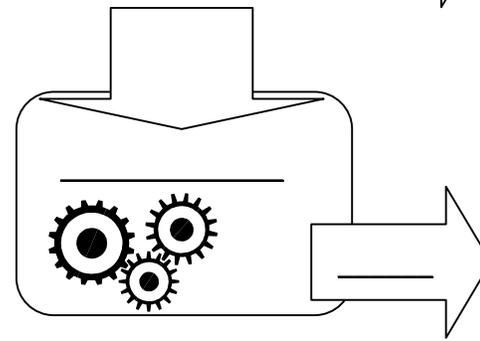
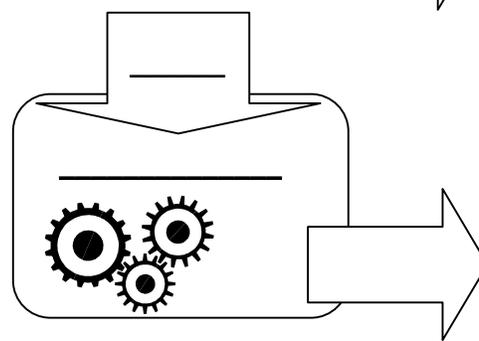
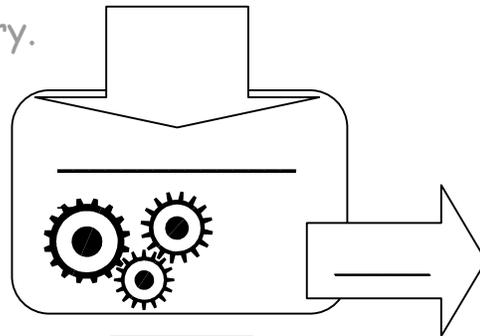
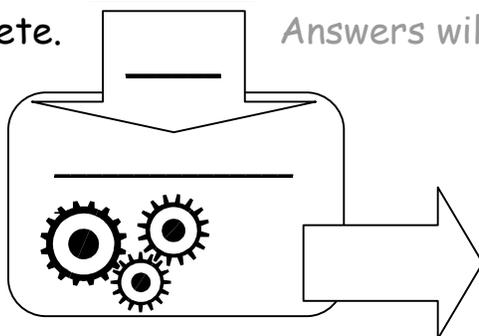
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6.



7. Make 2 different machines of your own below for a friend to complete. *Answers will vary.*



KEY What's the Rule?

Please fill in the missing values and state the rule that relates each number in the top row to the entry below it.

1.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20

Rule: Multiply the entry in the top row by 2.

2.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	4	9	16	25	36	49	64	81	100

Rule: Square each entry in the top row.

3.

5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45

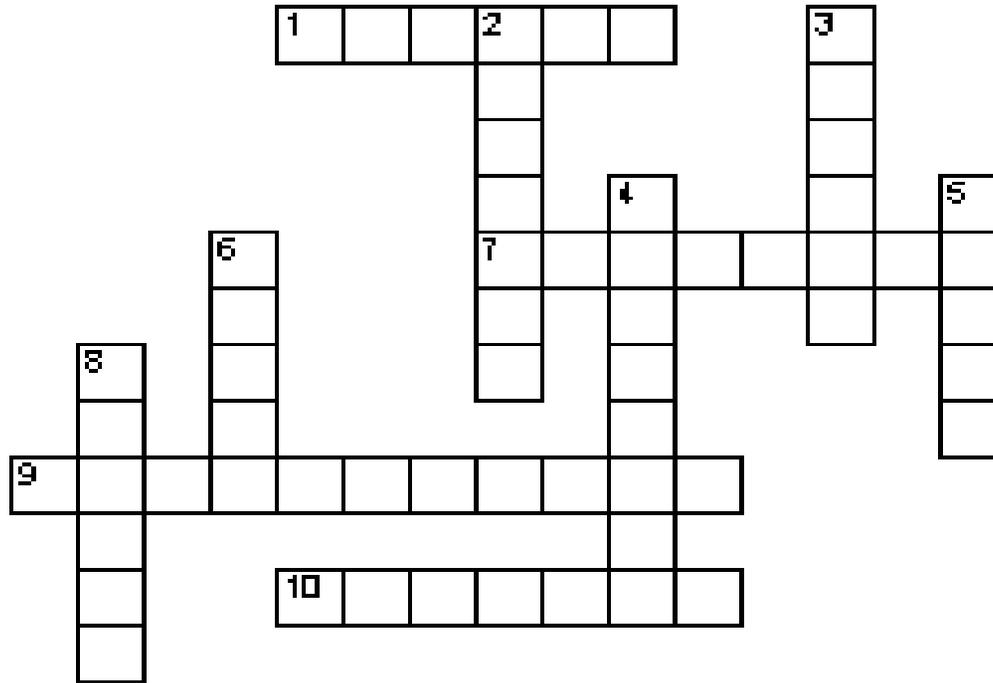
Rule: Subtract five from each entry in the top row.

4.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10

Rule: Take the opposite of each number.

KEY FUNCTION CRISS-CROSS



Across

1. The resulting value from the function (output)
7. A mathematical rule written using symbols (Equation)
9. A set of two numbers in which the order has an agreed upon meaning (Ordered Pair)
10. A device that performs a specific task (machine)

Down

2. A repeated design or recurring sequence (Pattern)
3. Another word for input (domain)
4. A Mathematical relationship between two values where the second value depends on the first. (Function)
5. The value going into the function (input)
6. Another word for output (range)
8. A list of numbers that follows a certain pattern (Series)

Word Bank

Function
Range

Pattern
Domain

Ordered Pair
Series

Equation
Machine

Output
Input

Name: KEY Date: _____

Ins & Outs of Functions

Fill in each table, then complete the rule, and a description of the domain & range.

1.

In	Out
Apple	A
Banana	B
Kiwi	K
Orange	O
Grapes	G

Rule: Take the first letter of each fruit

Domain: Fruit names

Range: The first letter

2.

In	Out
Night	Day
Heavy	Light
Short	Tall
Big	Little
Skinny	Fat

Rule: Opposite

Domain: Any word that has an opposite

Range: The opposite of the word

3.

In	Out
Valentines	February
Christmas	Dec.
Independence Day	July
Labor Day	Sept.
Halloween	Oct.

Rule: Month of the holiday

Domain: A holiday that has a specified month

Range: The month of the holiday

4.

In	Out
Soccer	
Football	
Baseball	
Volleyball	
Basketball	

Rule: The image of the ball

Domain: A sport that uses a ball

Range: The image of the ball used

5.

In	Out
10	4
12	6
8	2
4	-2
-2	-8

Rule: Subtract 6 from IN

Domain: An integer

Range: An integer

6.

In	Out
11	46
8	26
-3	-10
2	10
0	2

Rule: Multiply each number by 4, then add 2

Domain: An integer

Range: An integer

***KEY* Number Detective**

Please mentally identify the rule and then find the missing term.

1.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
3	6	9	12	15	60	297	3N

2.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
-4	-3	-2	-1	0	15	94	N-5

3.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
1	4	9	16	25	400	9801	N^2

4.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
16	17	18	19	20	35	114	N+15

5.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-40	-198	-2N

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Function Tables

Directions: Complete the following tables. If the x value is given, evaluate the function to find y . If y is given, work backwards to find x . If there is no value for x or y , use your own value for x to find y . **SHOW ALL WORK!**

1. $f(x) = x + 1$

X	Work	Y
8	$f(8) = 8 + 1$	9
-1		0
2		3
0		1

3. $f(x) = 2x - 3$

X	Work	Y
-2		-7
-1		-5
0		-3
1		-1

2. $f(x) = 3x$

X	Work	Y
0		0
1		3
2		6
3		9

4. $f(x) = -2x + 1$

X	Work	Y
4		-7
3		-5
0		1
	Answers will vary	

5. $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + 1$

X	Work	Y
0		1
2		2
4		3
	Answers will vary	

6. $f(x) = x + 1$

X	Work	Y
4	$5 = x + 1$ $x = 4$	5
-1		0
1		2
0		1

7. $f(x) = -3x - 1$

X	Work	Y
1		-4
0		-1
	Answers will vary	
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8. $f(x) = 2x - 2$

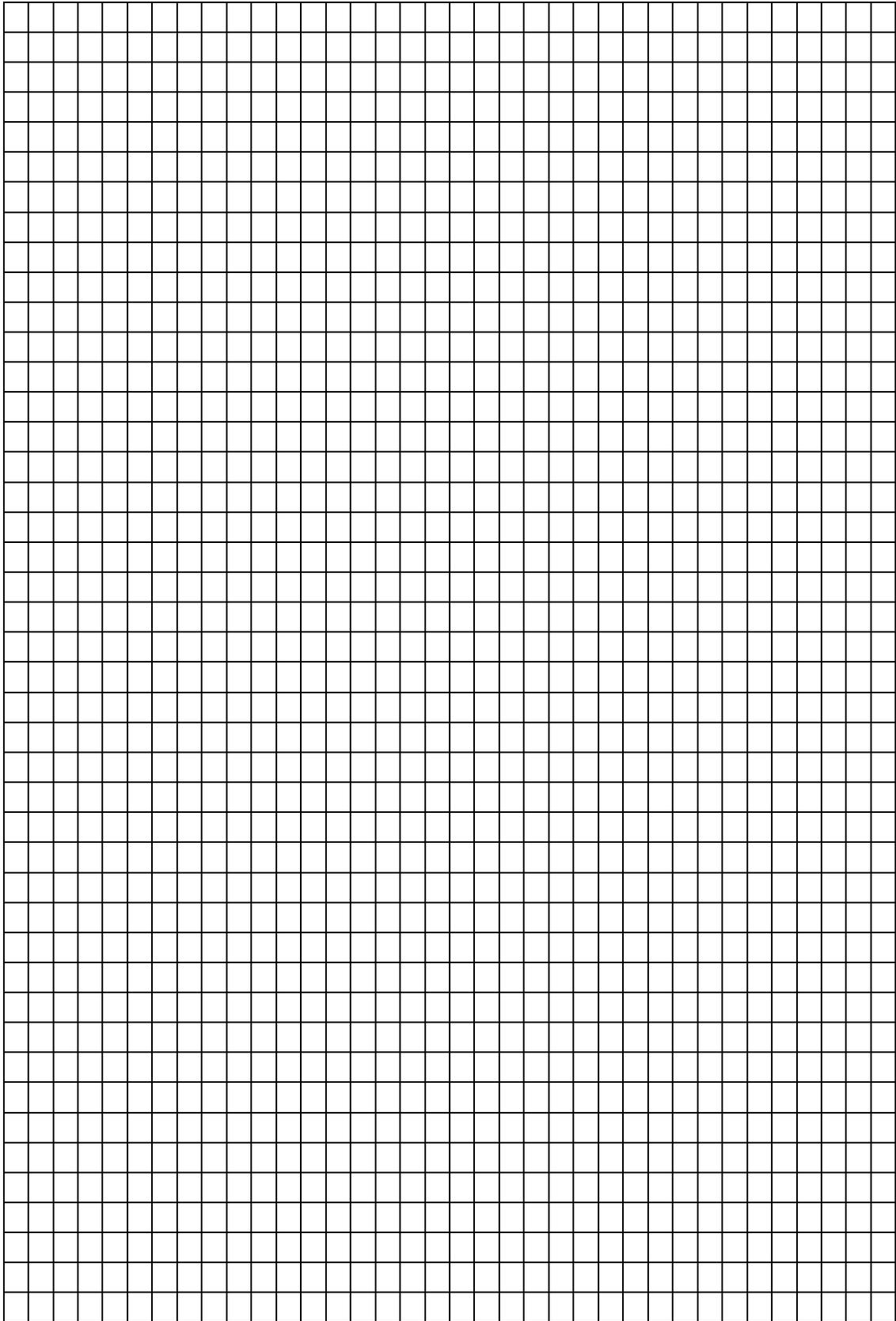
X	Work	Y
	Answers will vary	

9. $f(x) = 8x + 1$

X	Work	Y
	Answers will vary	

10. $f(x) = \frac{x}{3}$

X	Work	Y
-3		-1
0		0
3		1
	Answers will vary	



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Date: _____

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Functions Quiz

1. Identify the rule for each function.

a.

X	1	2	3	4
$F(x)$	10	20	30	40

Rule: Multiply each number by 10.

b.

X	1	2	3	4
$F(x)$	12	13	14	15

Rule: Add 11 to each number.

2. Matching: Match each term with the appropriate definition.

c Functiond Seriesb Domaine Outputa Ordered Pair

a. A set of two numbers in which the order has an agreed upon meaning

b. Another word for input

c. A Mathematical relationship between two values where the second value depends on the first

d. A list of numbers that follows a certain pattern

e. The resulting value from the function

3. Complete the following tables

a. $f(x) = 3x - 2$

x	Work	$f(x)$
-2	$f(-2) = 3(-2) - 2$	<u>-8</u>
0	$f(0) = 3(0) - 2$	<u>-2</u>
5	$f(5) = 3(5) - 2$	<u>13</u>
26	$f(26) = 3(26) - 2$	<u>76</u>

b. $f(x) = 5 + 2x$

x	Work	$f(x)$
-30	$f(-30) = 5 + 2(-30)$	<u>-55</u>
-2	$f(-2) = 5 + 2(-2)$	<u>1</u>
0	$f(0) = 5 + 2(0)$	<u>5</u>
5	$f(5) = 5 + 2(5)$	<u>15</u>

Bonus:

4. List the ordered pairs created by the function in example 3(a).

(5 , 13) (0 , -2) (-2 , -8) (26 , 76)

5. List the ordered pairs created by the function in example 3(b).

(-2 , 1) (0 , 5) (5 , 15) (-30 , -55)

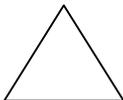
What's Missing?

Find the missing entry for each example.

1) 2 4 6 8 10 12 _____

2) Alabama Alaska Arizona _____

3) S M T W T _____

4)    _____

5) 1 4 9 16 25 36 _____

6) a b c d e f g h _____

7) $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{16}$ _____

8) Mercury Venus Earth Mars _____

9) 1 5 1 5 1 5 _____

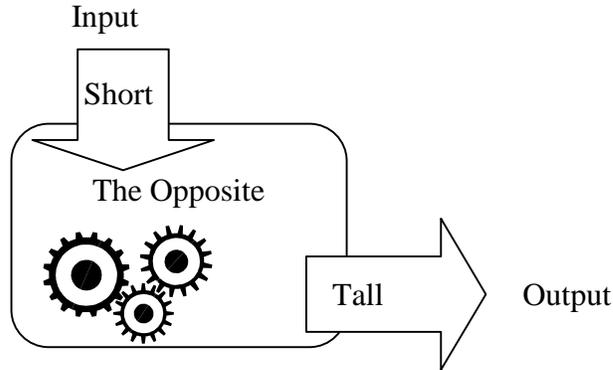
10) 1 8 27 64 _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

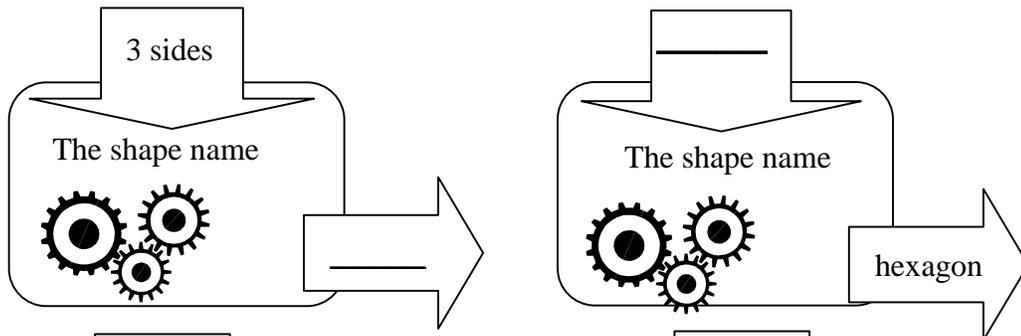
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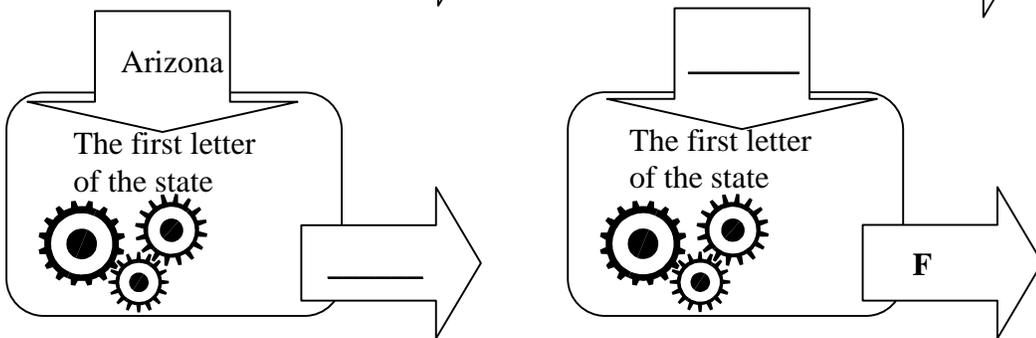
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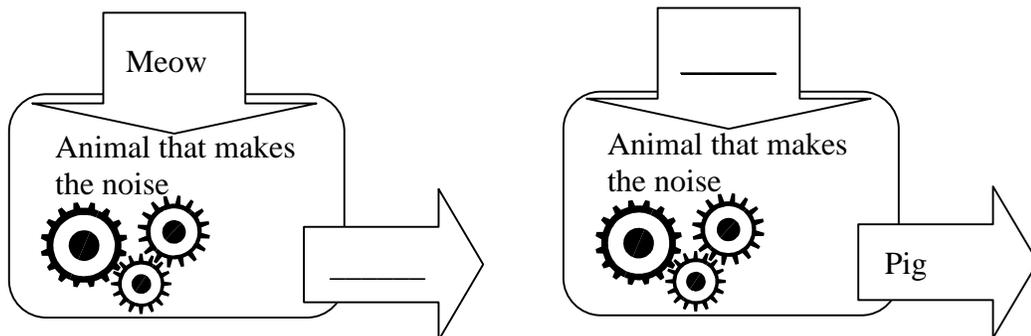
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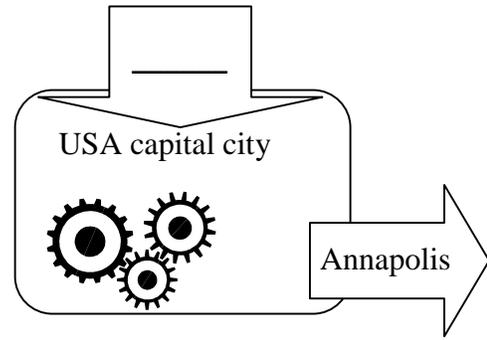
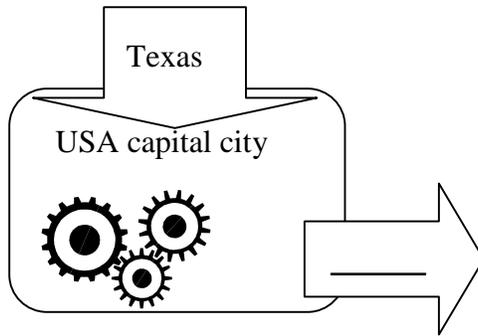
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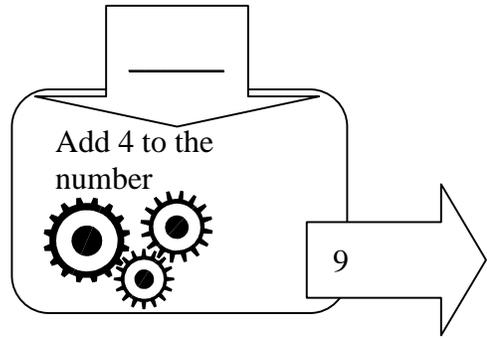
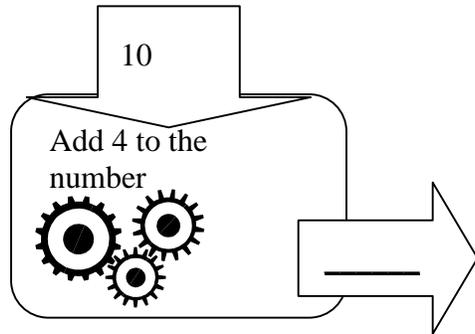
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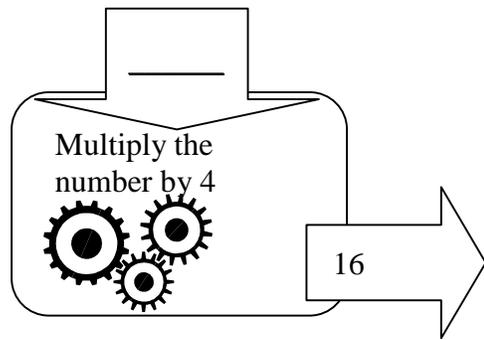
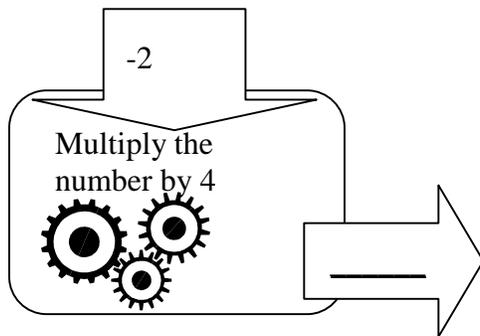
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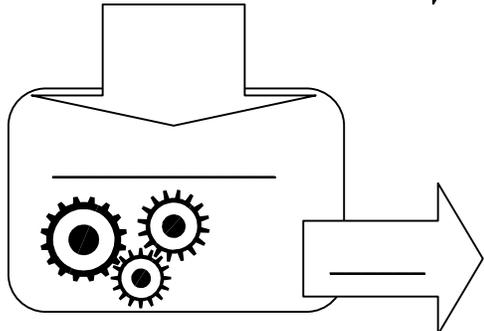
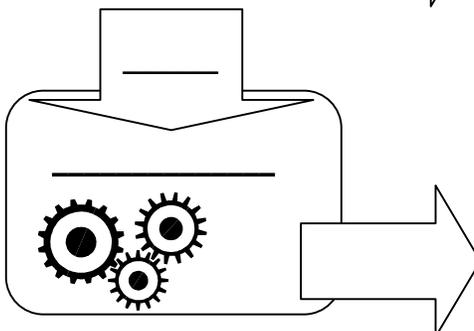
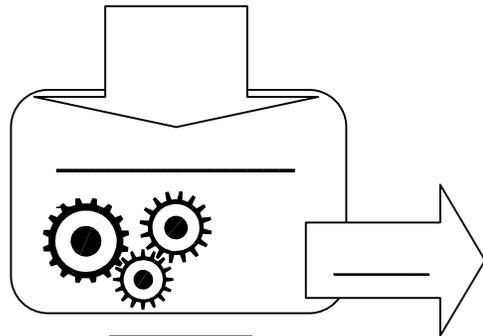
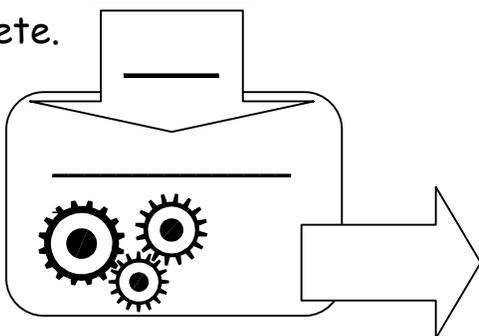
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2	4	6	8			14		18	

Rule: _____

2.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10
1	4	9	16	25			64		

Rule: _____

3.

5	10	15	20	25	30	35		45	50
0	5	10	15	20			35		

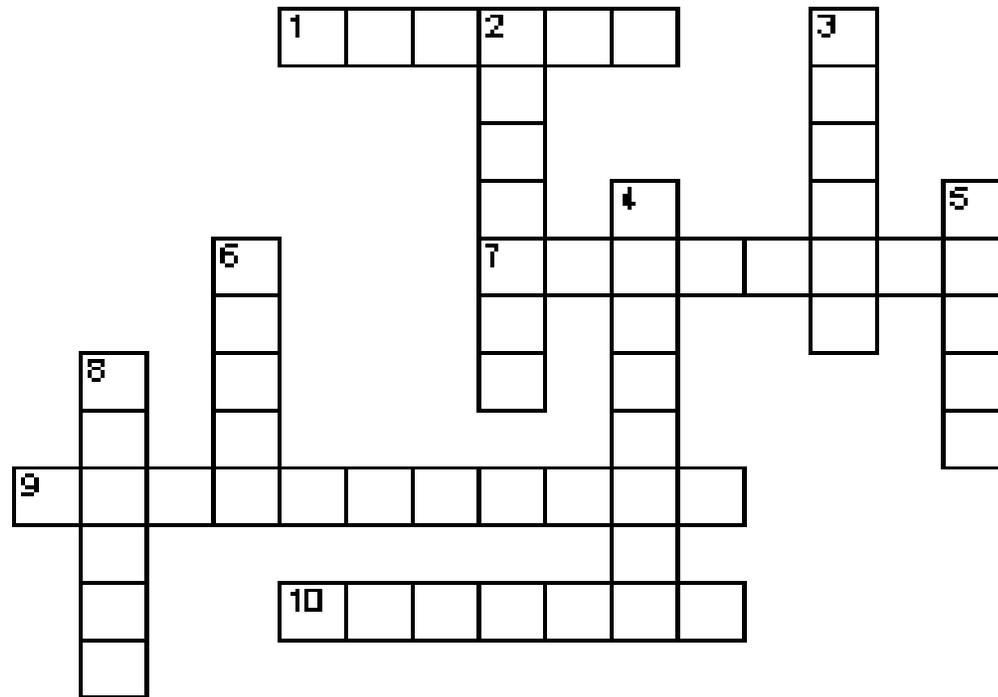
Rule: _____

4.

1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10
-1	-2	-3	-4	-5		-7			

Rule: _____

FUNCTION CRISS-CROSS



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Name: _____ Date: _____

Ins & Outs of Functions

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Apple	A
Banana	
Kiwi	
Orange	
Grapes	

Rule:

Domain:

Range:

4.

In	Out
Soccer	
	
Baseball	
	
Basketball	

Rule:

Domain:

Range:

2.

In	Out
Night	Day
Heavy	
Short	
	Little
Skinny	

Rule:

Domain:

Range:

5.

In	Out
10	4
12	
8	
4	
-2	

Rule:

Domain:

Range:

3.

In	Out
Valentines	February
Christmas	
Independence Day	
Labor Day	
Halloween	

Rule:

Domain:

Range:

6.

In	Out
11	
8	
-3	
2	
0	

Rule: **Multiply each number by 4, then add 2**

Domain:

Range:

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Most Important Thing about

FUNCTIONS!

List below the important things that we have studied about functions.

- ❖ _____
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- ❖ _____
- ❖ _____
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- ❖ _____
- ❖ _____

Now, write the **MOST** important thing you think that we have studied and why you picked it as the most important.



Number Detective

Please mentally identify the rule and then find the missing term.

1.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
3	6	9	12				

2.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
-4	-3	-2	-1				

3.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
1	4	9	16				

4.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
16	17	18	19				

5.

1	2	3	4	5	20	99	N
-2	-4	-6	-8				

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Function Tables

Directions: Complete the following tables. If the x value is given, evaluate the function to find y . If y is given, work backwards to find x . If there is no value for x or y , use your own value for x to find y . **SHOW ALL WORK!**

1. $f(x) = x + 1$

X	Work	Y
8		
-1		
2		
0		

3. $f(x) = 2x - 3$

X	Work	Y
-2		
-1		
0		
1		

2. $f(x) = 3x$

X	Work	Y
0		
1		
2		
3		

4. $f(x) = -2x + 1$

X	Work	Y
4		
3		
0		

5. $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + 1$

X	Work	Y
0		
2		
4		

8. $f(x) = 2x - 2$

X	Work	Y

6. $f(x) = x + 1$

X	Work	Y
		5
-1		
1		
0		

9. $f(x) = 8x + 1$

X	Work	Y

7. $f(x) = -3x - 1$

X	Work	Y
1		
0		

10. $f(x) = \frac{x}{3}$

X	Work	Y
-3		
0		
3		

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Functions Quiz

1. Identify the rule for each function.

a.

X	1	2	3	4
$F(x)$	10	20	30	40

Rule: _____

b.

X	1	2	3	4
$F(x)$	12	13	14	15

Rule: _____

2. Matching: Match each term with the appropriate definition.

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|-------|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | Function | a. | A set of two numbers in which the order has an agreed upon meaning |
| _____ | Series | b. | Another word for input |
| _____ | Domain | c. | A Mathematical relationship between two values where the second value depends on the first |
| _____ | Output | d. | A list of numbers that follows a certain pattern |
| _____ | Ordered Pair | e. | The resulting value from the function |

3. Complete the following tables

a. $f(x) = 3x - 2$

x	Work	$f(x)$
-2		
0		
5		
26		

b. $f(x) = 5 + 2x$

x	Work	$f(x)$
-30		
-2		
0		
5		

Bonus:

4. List the ordered pairs created by the function in example 3(a).

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5. List the ordered pairs created by the function in example 3(b).

(,) (,) (,) (,)